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> **GROUP 3600** RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REOUIREM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2001, (Paper No. 8), the Applicant hereby elects Claim Group 1 (i.e., Claims 10-13) without traverse. By this paper, Applicant hereby cancels Claim Group 2 (i.e. Claims 14-18) without prejudice. The Applicant now believes that the application in a condition ready for examination and respectfully requests the prompt examination of the same. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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